

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Mother Ruby Williams



SUNRISE
September 28, 1925

SUNSET
June 15, 2023

FUNERAL SERVICE HELD
Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

FAITH TEMPLE COGIC
1758 Oakdale Avenue • San Francisco, CA 94124

ORDER OF SERVICE

Officiant Pastor Tyrone Duckett

Prayer Minister Cruz Padilla

Psalms 23: 4 – 6 Brother Anthony Cash

John 12: 1 – 3 Missionary Diane Tarver

Musical Selection

Expressions Mother Benson

Philadelphia Church Family

Mother Allen

Pamela and Charles Williams

Bishop Joseph Nobles

Other Expressions (2 minutes)

Resolution and Cards..... Sister Alice Whitfield

Solo Missionary Carolyn Barnes

Eulogy..... Pastor Samuel L. Jackson

Philadelphia C.O.G.I.C.

San Francisco, CA

Parting View.....

OBITUARY

Mother Ruby Williams was born in West Helena, Arkansas on September 28, 1925, and departed this life on June 15, 2023. She was the first born of Charles Preston Lewis and Rosa Voner Lewis.

Mother Williams married Eld. Jasper Williams on November 2, 1942. They had eight children: Ruby, Marva, Jasper Jr., Larry (deceased), Charles, Pamela, Brenda, and Daryl.

Mother was saved and filled with the Holy Ghost at the age of 9. She continued on that sanctified path until her death. Mother was a third-generation member of the Church of God in Christ (C.O.G.I.C.).

In Arkansas, Mother and Eld. Williams operated a thriving combination grocery store, gas station, and café.

Though they were successful entrepreneurs and part of a close-knit religious and family community in Arkansas, Mother and Eld. Williams moved during the Great Migration with their four young children to San Francisco in 1952 in order that their children could obtain a quality, nonsegregated education. Once in California they increased the family size with four additional children. Mother Williams always taught and encouraged her children, and later her grandchildren to study hard, get the best available education, love God, and be faithful to the church.

In San Francisco, the family first worshiped at Bay View Calvary C.O.G.I.C. (then pastored by Eld. D.M. Cleaver) before transferring their membership to Emmanuel Church of God in Christ (aka Post Street; then pastored by Bishop E.E. Hamilton).

In 1960, Eld. and Mother Williams founded Philadelphia C.O.G.I.C. in San Francisco. At Philadelphia, Mother worked in many capacities including Bible Band teacher, prayer leader, and choir member. Until her death, she led weekly noon day prayer services (begun by Eld. Williams), continuing to listen in and occasionally sing a song even after she was incapacitated in her final years. She served as church mother from the church's inception until her passing. She was president of the Women's Department until 1995. In addition, she served as District Missionary of the Greater Gethsemane District (with Superintendent Jesse Grant) for many years. Mother inspired many souls to come to Christ and encouraged others in their walk by her teaching, example, and words of wisdom. She was a pioneer in the church by virtue of her years of salvation and service. Indeed, Mother Ruby Williams was a great woman of the church!

Mother Williams was a loving and devoted wife to Eld. Jasper Williams for over 54 years. She was by his side until he parted this life. She worked full time, often at night so she could attend to her eight children, husband, and home during the day. One can see why one of her favorite songs and testimonies was "I Won't Complain."

Mother was a friend to her community. She lived in her Bernal Heights home for sixty-three years. Her heart was big, and she embraced and was friendly to all her neighbors.

After Eld. Williams' homegoing, Mother Williams held the church together until Eld. Jackson was elected Pastor. Once he was elected, Mother continued as a loyal and faithful member, working and supporting the church in any way she could.

Another one of Mother's favorite songs was "I'm On the Highway, Trying to Make It In."

On June 15, 2023, God called her from this earthly highway to her heavenly reward.

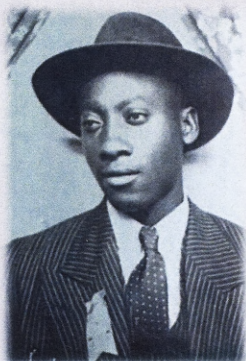
Mother was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Rosa Lewis, her husband Eld. Jasper Williams, her brother Johnny Lewis, son Larry Williams, and her grandchildren Myron Jerome Rauls and Jamila Scharelle Williams.

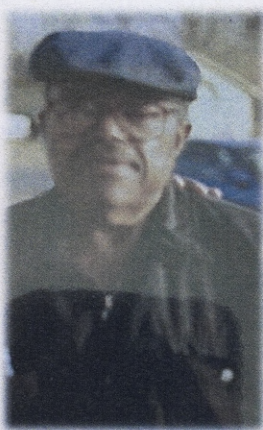
Mother Williams leaves to cherish her memories, her daughters Jean, Marva, Pamela, and Brenda; her sons Jasper Jr., Charles (Irene), and Daryl (Mike); her grandchildren Omar, Alexandra, Samantha (Chase), and Kyle; her great-grandchildren Amaya, Jahson, Georgette, Judah, and Benjamin; as well as her nieces Helen and Patsy and nephew Ezra. She was an honorary grandmother to Elizabeth and Eva. She also leaves behind cousins, her church family, and a host of other relatives and friends.

We will miss Mother Williams' love and support for her family and the Philadelphia C.O.G.I.C. church family.

One of Mother Williams' favorite scriptures was Psalms 121: 1: I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD which made heaven and earth.

After a lifetime of service to her family, community, and church, we salute Mother Williams with the blessed assurance that her work is finished, and it was well done!









CLOSING HYMN

This Old Building

This old building keeps on leaning,
I've got to move to a better home.
This old building keeps on leaning,
I've got to move to a better home.

These old eyes of mine are getting dimmer,
I've got to move to a better home.
These old eyes of mine are getting dimmer,
I've got to move to a better home.

This old back of mine keeps on aching,
I've got to move to a better home.
This old back of mine keeps on aching,
I've got to move to a better home.

Oh, my footsteps are getting shorter,
I've got to move to a better home.
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I've got to move to a better home.

PALLBEARERS

Charles Williams
Kyle Williams
Chase Sippel

Daryl Williams
Mike Davis
Anthony Cash

Interment Immediately Following Celebration of Life

Cypress Lawn Memorial Park
Acacia Garden, Marker 67
Colma, CA

Please join the family for a repast following the interment at Mother Williams' home.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org.